Statement

List of schemes of Uttar Pradesh pending with planning commission for clearances

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Reasons for pending clearance
	Power :	
1	Pala Maneri HEX (3x47·5 MW)	A lumpsum provision of Rs. 40 crores is available in 7th Plan for new schemes. There is no provision in 1986-87 for these schemes.
2	Rajghat HES MP/UP (3x15 MW)	
3	Khara HES (3x24 MW)	Govt. of Haryana addressed for clarification regarding the inter-state aspects.
4	Unchahar Ext. (T) (2x210 MW)	Coal linkage for only one unit available. Coal linkage for other unit is under examination.
5	Sobla Hydel (3x2 MW)	Detailed information regarding Phasing of expenditure requsted from State Govt. Information not yet received.
	Major & Medium Irrigation Projects	
1.	*Raising Meja Dam* (Estimate cost Rs. 2969 lakhs)	The environmental and forest clearance awaited. Concurrence of State Deptt. of Agr. to the cropping pattern is also awaited.
	Flood Control Projects	
1.	Project estimate for construction of Alabas Bund in districts Ghaziabad and Bulandshar. (Estimated cost Rs. 194·79 lakhs)	Approval of State Flood Control Board is awaited.
2.	Construction of Kaya Byonhi Bijhari Drain in district Mathura. (Estimated cost Rs. 98.50 lakhs)	The information regarding inclusion of the scheme in the 7th Plan and the outlay available for it in the VIIth Plan Sectoral ceiling for flood Control has been sought from GFCC/ State Government.

Empanelment for appointment to the post Joint Secretaries

1356. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the present system of emponel ment of officers for appointment to the posts of Jint Secretaries aond above has created dis-satisfaction amongst a large number of States and officers;

(b) when the proposed reforms in the system of empanelment would be finalised and will the State Governments be associated; and

(c) whether the officers who are not included in the panels given intimation and are provided an opportunity for representing against the decision to exclude them from the panels, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHINDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) the Government is not aware of any sense of dis-satisfaction regarding the present system of empanelment of officers for appointment to posts of Joint Secretary and above. However, as part of the on-going administrative reforms, the feasibilty of having a common and rigorous assessment of suitability of IAS officers for senior posts both at the Centre and in the States is being examined. No decision has been taken so far.

(c) Officers who are not empanelled for appointment to posts at a particular level at the Centre, cannot be appointed

to such posts till they are empanelled. Such officers could however be continued in their own Cadres.

Cases of suicides by Defence Scientists

1357. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scientist has recently committed suicide in the Institute of Armament Technology, Pune;

(b) what weapon was used by the employee of ARDE, Pune and from where did he get that weapon; and

(c) what are the details of suicide committed by the employees of the Defence Research and Development organisation during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) A student in the Electronics Fellowship course of the Institute of Armament Technology, Pune committed suicide in February, 1986.

(b) As this death was in Institute of Armament Technology, Pune, ARDE was not involved at all.

(c) Detailed information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Moderation of marks obtained in competitive Exams held by UPSC

1358. SHRI ACHCHHEY LAL BALMIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that marks obtained by candidates in examination conducted by UPSC are subject to moderation after they have been evaluated by the respective authorisd examiners;

(b) whether there are any guidelines/instructions that are observed in the process of moderation, if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the results of the Civil Services Main Examinations conducted in the year 1984 and 1985 have been questioned through writs filed in the Delhi High Court and some other High Courts;

(d) whether Government propose to instruct UPSC to furnish to the examinees the details of marks obtained by them in a paper alongwith the marks assigned after moderation; and

(e) if the answer to part (d) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor and what other measures are contemplated to restore candidates faith in the impartiality of the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Moderation, which is being practised by the Union Public Service Commission, is necessary to ensure uniformity of standards *inter-se* Examiners, wherever more than one Examiner is involved in the evaluation of a particular paper/subject. Further, in a Competitive Situation, where a common merit list is to be prepared and the candidates have the option of selection of subjects from a variety of heterogeneous subjects, it also becomes necessary to ensure a reasonable degree of uniformity *inter-se* subjects as well. According to available records with the UPSC since 1949, the Commission has been following a well established procedure of Statistical moderation wherever it is considered necessary after duly considering the report of the Head Examiner.

The procedure of moderation was challenged recently in the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad in the case of Shri K. H. Goradia vs. the Union of India and others by a candidate for the Civil Services (Main) Examination, 1984. The Petition was